तत्काल चिकित्सा सहायता उपलब्ध करवाएगी और पीडित व्यक्तियों को निकटतम स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र/अस्पताल ले जाएगी।

**Double Landing of NH-44 in Tripura**

3052. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NH-44 is not double lane in Tripura

(b) if so, why basic facility is not being extended when in rest of the country NHs are being developed into four lane roads; and

(c) by when Government propose to take up double laning of NH-44 in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Out of 198 Km in Tripura, about 26 Km are double-lane.

(b) and (c) Improvement including widening of National Highways is a continuous process, commensurate with traffic volume, inter-se-priorities and availability of funds. At present, keeping in view the traffic volume, the proposal for widening of NH-44 is at low priority.

**Progess of work at Kandla Port**

3053. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of the Kandla Port is still at standstill on account of recent cyclone; and

(b) the steps taken to divert traffic of the port for unhindered supply of diesel and other products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Kandla Port is returning fast back to normalcy. The crude handling operations were started on the 15th June, 1998 and the handling of petroleum products including diesel was resumed from the 24th June, 1998.

**Amendment of Coastal Trade Law**

3054. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Coastal Trade Law to integrate various agencies involved in transporting goods and to remove bottlenecks in exports

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps proposed to improve surface transport facilities to the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) There is no Coastal Trade Law as such. Therefore, there is no porposal to amend the Coastal Trade Law to integrate various agencies involved in transporting goods and to remove bottlenecks in exports.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai are processing the requests received from exporters for chartering in of foreign flag vessels for export of cargo. The procedure and the application form itself for chartering in of foreign flag vessels have since been simplified by the Directorate.

**Damaged roads and bridges in Assam**

3055. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of bridges damaged and breaches occurred on National Highways due to (i) bomb blast and (ii) flood in Assam during last three years;

(b) details of segment on different National Highways in Assam submerged

by flood alongwith projected cost of such repair/Improvement during the period;

(c) target fixed and achievement made so far in regard to such improvement repair alongwith financial allocations;

(d) steps taken for immediate restoration, improvement of roads and bridges; and

(e) places of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh which remained cut-off during last three summers on NH-52?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): *(a) Bridges damaged:*

Bride No. 921/1, 9631, 10431, 10441 and 1051/2 on National Highway 31. Bridge No. 73/3 on National Highway 31C.

Bridge No. 47/2 on National Highway 37.

Bridge No. 484, 832 and 3284 on National Highway 52.

*Breaches Occured:* Km. 183, 269, 293, 294, 295, 297, 321, 353, 360, 361, 373 and 375 of National Highway No. 52.

(b) to (c) There are about 150 spots on NH 31, 31C, 36, 37, 38 and 52 which are liable to submergance during floods. The temporary restoration works are taken up immediately. Permanent restoration works are targetted to be completed within two years from the date of sanction depending upon the nature of work. During the last three years Rs. 428 lakh were allocated for flood damage repairs.

(d) Important places which remained cut-off were Passighat, Jonai and Silapathar.

**Amount Credited to CRF**

3056. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3.5 paise per liter of petrol is being presently credited to the Central Road Fund;

(b) if so, total amount credit to the Fund annually for the last three years;

(c) whether there is a proposal to implement the resolution passed by Parliament in 1988 whereby Government can impose a 5 per cent cess on petrol to fund infrastructue projects; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

*(Rs. In lakhs)*

| *SL.No.* | *Year* | *Allocation* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1995-96 | 1500.00 |
| 2. | 1996-97 | 1499.00 |
| 3. | 1997-98 | 2857.00 |

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

**Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Gujarat**

3057. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Highways in Gujarat to be converted into National Highway;

(b) the details of the State Highways which were converted into National Highways during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Jetpur-Junagadh State Highway is under consideration of Government for conversion into National Highway;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it will be converted into National Highway?